

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) WEEKLY MPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of May 17, 2023:
 - 552 total Mpox cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - 7,564 doses and 3,996 second doses have been administered.
- Data on Mpox cases and vaccine distribution, with demographic characteristics, are updated [here](#), every 2 weeks on Wednesday.
 - The Health Department, as part of its goal to be as transparent as possible, is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to report demographics on both people who have monkeypox and vaccine recipients.
 - More detail on this dashboard is available at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST NEWS

- **Low vaccine rates create risk of resurgence .**
 - The 2022 mpox outbreak in the United States has receded to very low levels. However, most jurisdictions in the United States may be at risk of resurgence or new mpox outbreaks without continued efforts to vaccinate people at risk, based on new modeling analyses.
 - The chance of an outbreak and its predicted size will likely increase over time without continued efforts to vaccinate people at highest risk of mpox exposure.
 - The Chicago Department of Public Health has identified a resurgence of cases of mpox.
 - One case has been identified in Philadelphia after several months with no cases.
 - More cases are expected to be identified in the coming days and weeks.
 - Vaccination, while not 100% protective, remains an important tool in preventing and mitigating infections.
 - More information on how to get vaccinated in Philly available below and [here](#).
 - More information from the CDC on the risk of mpox resurgence and vaccination considerations is available [here](#).
- **Mpox vaccine available for pride event organizers.**
 - Partners who would like to offer mpox vaccine at Pride events can contact the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to be matched with a provider.
 - Email us at publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov
- **Anyone at risk can get an mpox vaccine**
 - On November 4, 2022, PDPH issued a [health update](#) stating any patient who feels they are at risk for coming into contact with mpox can now be vaccinated.
 - They do not need to meet any further eligibility criteria.
 - Read the PDPH blog post [here](#).
- **Job Opening: PDPH Mpox Coordinator**
 - This position is with the PDPH Division of Disease Control, Immunization Program.
 - The Mpox Coordinator will be responsible for enrolling sites to offer mpox vaccine, verifying appropriate storage and handling, processing provider orders, delivering vaccines to sites weekly, and reviewing reporting in alignment with ordering.
 - Additionally, the Mpox Coordinator will serve as a liaison between the Division of HIV Health (DHH) and the Immunization program to coordinate activities related to overarching objectives.
 - For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

LATEST RESOURCES

- **Updated mpox public education materials**
 - PDPH has updated a suite of mpox materials for community members to distribute.
 - Find translated, printable and digital flyers, and more [here](#).
- **Get free HIV tests**
 - Find a provider near you or get an HIV test kit discretely mailed to your address.
 - More information at: <https://phillykeeponloving.com/hiv-testing/>
- **Reach out and connect**
 - Reach out to friends and contacts to get the emotional and logistical support you need to deal with this virus.
 - Visit www.healthymindsphilly.org, for ideas, screenings, trainings, resources, and more to support your well-being while dealing with this virus.
- **Walk up mpox vaccine clinics**
 - Mpox vaccines are now available through a network of health centers, community providers, and pharmacies.
 - To learn more, find a walk-up vaccine or to make an appointment, call the health department at (215) 685-5488 or learn more [here](#).
- **Rite Aid is offering mpox vaccine by appointment and as walk-ups.**
 - The following Rite Aid locations will now offer the vaccine:
 - 3200-92 Red Lion Road | Philadelphia, PA 19114 | (215) 637-1200
 - 10 Snyder Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 465-3270
 - 2017-2023 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 627-3151
 - 801 S 9 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 925-4481
 - 810 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19146 | (215) 985-0113
 - 704-720 East Passyunk Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 627-3151
 - 2121 W Lehigh Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19132 | (215) 226-6479
 - 136 N 63 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19139 | (215) 472-7820
 - 3260 N Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19140 | (215) 225-9704
 - 6515 Castor Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19149 | (215) 535-2800
 - For more information visit: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler>, or call to ask about hours.

LATEST IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group continues to meet.
- Health Department renames its Mpox Community Advisory Group (CAG) to the LGBTQ CAG.
 - In response to the mpox outbreak, PDPH formed a LGBTQ Community Advisory Group consisting of community stakeholders and leaders.
 - Their inputs were invaluable as the health department strategized and responded to contain the mpox outbreak. There was strong interest on both the part of the CAG and PDPH leadership to continue the CAG to inform programs and interventions addressing LGBTQ community health disparities and barriers to equitable, inclusive healthcare.
 - The group will meet quarterly, with next scheduled meeting on April 19.
 - If you are interested in learning more about the CAG, please contact Terri Clark, Outreach Supervisor, Terri.Clark@phila.gov or Rachel Giatras, Program Manager, Rachel.Giatras@phila.gov
- **Call the PDPH Center at 215-685-5488 for any possible or known exposure to Monkeypox**
 - The call center will ask questions to determine risk of exposure and eligibility to be vaccinated.
 - The call center can make appointments for eligible residents to get a Monkeypox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **The latest from the CDC**
 - A vaccine equity toolkit is available [here](#).
 - Visit the CDC [mpox webpage](#) for the latest updates on guidance and considerations for healthcare and service providers.
- **The latest from PDPH**
 - Visit the City's Monkeypox site: <https://www.phila.gov/monkeypox>
 - Find the latest updates, information on vaccine and testing and the data dashboard.
 - Includes frequently asked questions in Spanish and English.

STAY CONNECTED

- Please contact us with feedback and suggestions for topics you would find useful in this weekly newsletter or how we can better reach communities at risk of exposure to Monkeypox.
- This newsletter is produced by the Public Health Preparedness Program. To sign up, unsubscribe, or comment, email publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

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